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Dam across Skanda Nadhi

* 673 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the schemes to put up a small dam across the Skanda Nadhi at Tirupattur in Kariamanickam firka, Lalgudi taluk, Tiruchirappalli district will be finalised;

(b) the number of acres that would be benefited by it;

(c) the cost of the scheme; and

(d) whether this scheme would also serve as a flood control measure?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a), (b), (c) & (d) There is no river by name Skanda Nadhi in Kariamanickam firka. Evidently the river referred to is Shanmugha Nadhi. A proposal to form a reservoir at the site of an old ruined anicut across Shanmugha Nadhi was examined but it was given up in view of the prohibitive cost of the scheme, etc. One hundred and fifty-two acres were proposed for irrigation and the cost according to 1950–51 schedule of rates was Rs. 5·10 lakhs. The proposal to form a reservoir as a flood control measure was not considered.

Lorry accidents

* 674 Q.—SRIMATHI KAMALAMBUJA AMMAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the number of lorry accidents that occurred in 1956–57 and 1957–58 on the Grand Northern Trunk Road between Madras and Arambakkam;

(b) the reasons for those accidents; and

(c) how many lorries, involved in those accidents, are registered in the Madras State and how many are registered in the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH: (a) 36 and 23 respectively.

(b) The causes for those accidents are rash and negligent driving.

(c) 27 and 32 respectively.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: May I know what are the proposals before the Government to control all these lorry accidents?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH: Sir, at present, we have various proposals to check the speed of these lorries. The lorry-drivers have to report at an interval of 70 miles at every Police station available. Moreover, Gazetted Officers are asked to follow these lorries going at high speed and make a report to the Regional Transport Authority and in all these cases appropriate action will be taken.

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SRIMATHI KAMALAMBUJA AMMAL : 70 மைலுக்கு ஒரு செக்கிங் ஸ்டேஷன் என்று சொல்வதைவிட 20 அல்லது 25 மைலுக்குள்ளாக ஒவ்வொரு செக்கிங் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் வைத்து சோதிக்கப்படுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH : If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall consider it.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : As most of these accidents take place during the nights when the lorries ply at a very high speed with bright lights on which almost dazzle the motorist coming in the opposite direction, will the Government issue instructions that no lorry should run during the night or at least during certain hours in the night?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH : Sir, if we do not allow lorry traffic at nights, during the day, no traffic will be able to move in the roads at all.

Paddy

* 675 *Q*.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state— 9 a.m.

(*a*) the number of bags of paddy seed stocked by the various District Agricultural Officers in the Tanjore district for supply for the third crop to be raised and the cost thereof;

(*b*) the sales in each subdivision and the receipts by each District Agricultural Officer; and

(*c*) when the balance, if any, will be distributed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Colleges

* 676 *Q*.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of colleges run by Government and private agencies in 1957–58;

(*b*) the number of Harijan students studying in these colleges; and

(*c*) the number of girl students among them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Particulars are being collected from the heads of departments concerned.

Agrapalayam tank.

* 677 *Q*.—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the bund of the Agrapalayam tank in Arni taluk, North Arcot district, was repaired recently?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir.

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